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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in a European Search Report mailed March 2, 2004.

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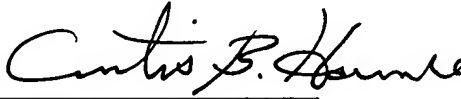
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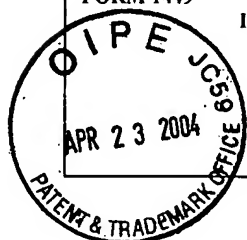
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6,203,098	March 2001	Motozawa et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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	EP 0 888 953	January 1999	Europe				

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